

President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND]; the distinguished chairman of the Armed Services Committee [Mr. WARNER]; the Chairman of the Energy Committee [Mr. MURKOWSKI]; three members and the ranking minority member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee: the distinguished Senator from Indiana [Mr. LUGAR], Mr. SMITH of Oregon and Mr. BROWNBACK, and Senator BIDEN; two Senators who I consider among the most knowledgeable on China in the Senate, Senator FEINSTEIN and Senator BAUCUS; and one of our newest members, Senator CLINTON.

I hope that we will act to put the Senate on record on this issue.

THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, at the close of business Friday, April 20, 2001, the Federal debt stood at \$5,713,631,148,647.61. Five trillion, seven hundred thirteen billion, six hundred thirty-one million, one hundred forty-eight thousand, six hundred forty-seven dollars and sixty-one cents.

One year ago, April 20, 2000, the Federal debt stood at \$5,707,061,000,000 Five trillion, seven hundred seven billion, sixty-one million.

Fifteen years ago, April 20, 1986, the Federal debt stood at \$1,962,745,000,000, One trillion, nine hundred sixty-two billion, seven hundred forty-five million.

Twenty-five years ago, April 20, 1976, the Federal debt stood at \$604,399,000,000, Six hundred four billion, three hundred ninety-nine million, which reflects a debt increase of more than \$5 trillion, \$5,109,232,148,647.61. Five trillion, one hundred nine billion, two hundred thirty-two million, one hundred forty-eight thousand, six hundred forty-seven dollars and sixty-one cents during the past 25 years.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

MOREHOUSE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

• Mr. CLELAND. Mr. President, 25 years ago the National Medical Association and other prominent organizations endorsed the development of the Medical School at Morehouse College in Atlanta, GA. This came in light of studies that revealed first, a severe shortage of African American and other minority physicians in the United States, particularly in Georgia and second, that African Americans suffered disproportionately from major diseases. Since its inception, Morehouse School of Medicine has worked to help solve our nation's health care crisis by graduating top-quality physicians who dedicate themselves to serving the more than 32 million people in this country who live in medically neglected communities. More than 80 percent of Morehouse School of Medicine graduates practice in underserved com-

munities. Each year, the School graduates five times the national average of African Americans completing their studies at accredited medical schools in this country.

Since 1975, Morehouse School of Medicine has grown from an entry class of 25 students to a current 40 students per class. Each year, over 20,000 Georgians who are disadvantaged are served by approximately 50 community health promotion projects sponsored by Morehouse School of Medicine. These projects include prevention initiatives associated with substance abuse, teen pregnancy, geriatric services, cancer, lead poisoning and violence prevention. In addition to the Medical School's activities in community health promotion, Morehouse School of Medicine provides about 25,000 patient encounters for approximately 10,000 people per year in community clinics throughout metropolitan Atlanta area. The student body of Morehouse School of Medicine continues to excel and 100 percent of the institution's family medicine and surgery residents passed their board exams in their first sitting for 2 years in a row.

These accomplishments stem in part from the strong leadership of Morehouse School of Medicine's founding dean and president, Louis W. Sullivan, M.D., who has been with the Medical School since its inception. Aside from his years in Washington as U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services, Dr. Sullivan has dedicated his life's work to producing top-quality physicians. During his tenure, Morehouse School of Medicine established several programs. These include a 4-year undergraduate medical education program, seven residency programs and several centers of excellence including the National Center for Primary Care, the Neuroscience Institute, the Cardiovascular Institute and the NASA/Space Medicine and Life Science Research Center, the first of its kind at a minority medical institution.

Dr. Sullivan has worked tirelessly to provide vision and direction for the institution's future, while continuing to preserve the very best traditions of its past. Morehouse School of Medicine, the State of Georgia and our Nation are truly blessed to have his leadership.●

TRIBUTE TO THE POSTAL EMPLOYEES OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE PERFORMANCE CLUSTER

• Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the Postal Employees of the New Hampshire Performance Cluster, a group of dedicated public servants who have been recognized for exemplary performance of service duties. On April 3rd of this year, The Postal Employees of the New Hampshire Performance Cluster were recognized with the Postal Service's highest award, the Chief Operating Officer Award for overall excellence in the area of customer satisfaction.

New Hampshire Postal Employees have been honored along with four other districts in the nation receiving the Order of the Yellow Jersey Award for Excellence in customer service. This prestigious award is based on the percentage of residential customers who rated the postal service employees as excellent in four areas: overall performance, courteous and friendly clerks, consistency of mail delivery and accuracy of mail delivery.

The Postal Employees of the New Hampshire Performance Cluster have provided dedicated service to the citizens of our state. The people of our state look upon them with tremendous gratitude for all that they have done.

It is an honor and a privilege to serve the Postal Employees of the New Hampshire Performance Center in the United States.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-1365. A communication from the General Counsel of the Central Intelligence Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Inspector General and the designation of an Acting Inspector General; to the Committee on Intelligence.

EC-1366. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Certification of Evidence for Proof of Service" (RIN2900-AJ55) received on April 18, 2001; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-1367. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report covering those cases in which equitable relief was granted in calendar year 2000; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-1368. A communication from the Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of Inspector General Strategic Plan for 2001 through 2006; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-1369. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule

entitled "Qualified Lessee Construction Allowances For Short-Term Leases" (Rev. Rul. 2001-20) received on April 11, 2001; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1370. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relating to Monitoring the Impact of Medicare Physician Payment Reform on Utilization and Access for 2001; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1371. A communication from the Acting Chairman of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report relating to management performance for 2000; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1372. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "List of Communities Eligible for the Sale of Flood Insurance" (Doc. No. FEMA-7750) received on April 6, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1373. A communication from the Attorney/Advisor, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the discontinuation of service in acting role of Administrator of the Federal Transit Administration; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1374. A communication from the Attorney/Advisor of the Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the return of the nomination for the position of Administrator of the Federal Transit Administration; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1375. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the annual performance evaluation for fiscal year 2000; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1376. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Exports to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia; Revision of Foreign Policy Controls" (RIN0694-AC39) received on April 18, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1377. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of the Wassenaar Arrangement List of Dual-Use Items: Revisions to Microprocessors, Graphic Accelerators, and External Interconnects Equipment" (RIN0694-AC39) received on April 18, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1378. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Entity List: Revisions and Additions" (RIN0694-AB60) received on April 18, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1379. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the EAR as a result of the addition of Brazil, Latvia and Ukraine to the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG), and Other Revisions" (RIN0694-AB50) received on April 18, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1380. A communication from the Under Secretary for Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, a re-

port relating to the Imposition of Foreign Policy-Based Export Controls for Exports to Persons in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and Inductees of the International Criminal Tribunal for Yugoslavia; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1381. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy and Management, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Additives Permitted for Direct Addition to Food for Human Consumption; Food Starch-Modified by Amylolytic Enzymes" (Doc. No. 99F-2082) received on April 6, 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1382. A communication from the President of the United States Institute of Peace, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the audit of the Institute's accounts for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1383. A communication from the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of Inspector General for the Fiscal Year 2002; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1384. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Recreational Programs" (RIN1820-ZA12) received on April 16, 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1385. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy and Management, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medical Devices; Reclassification of Six Cardiovascular Preamendments Class III Devices into Class II" (Doc. No. 99N-0035) received on April 18, 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1386. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy and Management, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Irradiation in the Production, Processing and Handling of Food" (Doc. No. 94F-0008) received on April 18, 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1387. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy and Management, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Irradiation in the Production, Processing, and Handling of Animal Feed and Pet Food; Irradiation" (Doc. No. 99F-2799) received on April 18, 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1388. A communication from the Administrator of the Office of Workforce Development, Office of Workforce Security, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Unemployment Insurance Program Letter (UIPL) 14-01—Treatment of Indian Tribes Under Federal Unemployment Compensation Law; UIPL 14-01, Change 1—Questions and Answers" received on April 18, 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1389. A communication from the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Congressional Justification of Budget Estimates for Fiscal Year 2002; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1390. A communication from the Chairman of the Naval Sea Cadet Corps, transmit-

ting, pursuant to law, the annual financial reports for 2000; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1391. A communication from the Director of the Federal Judicial Center, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual performance evaluation report for calendar year 2000; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1392. A communication from the Director of the Policy Directives and Instructions Branch, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Adding Colombia to the List of Countries Whose Citizens or Nationals are Ineligible for Transit Without Visa (TWOV) Privileges to the United States Under the TWOV Program" (RIN1115-AG16) received on April 3, 2001; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1393. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General for Administration, Justice Management Division, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "United States Attorneys' Office, Giglio Information Files" received on April 6, 2001; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1394. A communication from the Secretary of the Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting, a report relating to the Biennial Survey of Article III Judgeship Needs; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1395. A communication from the Acting Deputy Attorney General, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Freedom of Information Act for 2000; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1396. A communication from the Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense, Acquisition and Technology, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relating to the intent to obligate funds for out-of-cycle Fiscal Year 2001 Foreign Comparative Testing Projects; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1397. A communication from the Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense, Acquisition and Technology, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to identifying, for each agency, the percentage of funds that are projected to be expanded during each of the next five fiscal years for performance of depot-level maintenance and repair workloads by the public and private sectors; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1398. A communication from the Comptroller General of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the withdrawal of the statutory report concerning UN peacekeeping operations in East Timor, Sierra Leone; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1399. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report concerning activities relating to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1400. A communication from the Chief of the Programs and Legislation Division, Office of Legislative Liaison, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report concerning a multi-function cost comparison of the Base Operating Support functions at March Air Reserve Base, California; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1401. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Force Management Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, a report relating to the results of the Military Exit Survey; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1402. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, the report of a retirement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1403. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant

to law, the annual report required by the Chemical and Biological Weapons Control and Warfare Elimination Act of 1991 for the period February 1, 2000 through January 31, 2001; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1404. A communication from the Acting Executive Secretary, Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the designation of an acting officer for the position of Assistant Administrator of the Bureau for Europe and Eurasia, Agency for International Development; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1405. A communication from the Acting Executive Secretary, Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the discontinuation of service in an acting role as Assistant Administrator of the Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, Agency for International Development; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1406. A communication from the Acting Executive Secretary, Agency for International Development, a report relative to the nomination for the position of Administrator of the Agency for International Development; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1407. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1408. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed Manufacturing License Agreement with Japan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1409. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles and defense services in the amount of \$50,000,000 to Norway; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1410. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or services under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to Canada; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1411. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or services under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to the Republic of Korea; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1412. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed Manufacturing License Agreement with Italy; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1413. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed Manufacturing License Agreement with France; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1414. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of

defense articles or services under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to Italy; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1415. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report mandated by the PLO Commitments Compliance Act from June 16 to December 15, 2000; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1416. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-9. A resolution adopted by the House of the Legislature of the State of Kansas relative to the assistance with Gulf War illness; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6008

Whereas, Nearly 700,000 members of the United States armed forces, including 7,500 Kansans, deployed to the Persian Gulf region during 1990 and 1991 to participate in Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm to liberate Kuwait; and

Whereas, These Gulf War veterans have been, and continue to be, afflicted by an abnormally high rate of unexplained health problems. To date federal research efforts have not identified the prevalence, patterns, causes or treatments for illnesses suffered by Gulf War veterans. Yet thousands of our veterans continue to suffer from a variety of chronic symptoms; and

Whereas, The Kansas Persian Gulf War Veterans Health Initiative, a project of the Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs, primarily through the efforts of Dr. Lea Stelle, has completed a scientific study of 2,000 Kansas Gulf War veterans with the results being published in the American Journal of Epidemiology. Major findings of this study include:

Kansas Gulf War veterans have significantly more health problems than veterans who served in other areas. The study results indicate these conditions may have been caused by multiple factors.

A pattern of chronic symptoms, Gulf War illness, was identified. Thirty-four percent of Kansas Gulf War veterans report a pattern of chronic symptoms that include joint pain, respiratory problems, neuropsychologic difficulties, diarrhea, skin rashes, and fatigue. Veterans with Gulf War illness experience a pattern of multiple types of symptoms that can persist for years, problems that can be severe and disabling for some veterans.

The rates of Gulf War illness can be linked to where and when veterans served in the Persian Gulf region. Veterans who served on board ship had the lowest rates (21%), with higher rates in veterans who had been stationed in support areas of Saudi Arabia (31%), and highest rates in veterans who were in Iraq or Kuwait (42%). In addition, veterans who served only during Desert Shield have a low rate of illness (9%), while those who were in the Persian Gulf region several months after the war ended have higher rates (36-43%).

Veterans who did not deploy to the Persian Gulf, but reported getting vaccines during the war, may have some of the same health problems as Gulf War veterans; and

Whereas, While it has been established that Gulf War veterans suffer from an abnor-

mally high rate of unexplained health problems, the cause, or causes of these varied conditions have not been determined, and the system for providing care and treatment of these veterans has been inadequate or nonresponsive to the conditions presented; and

Whereas, Gulf War illness has had a severe negative impact on the physical and emotional well-being of Gulf War veterans, and has affected their ability to work, yet adequate compensation for these conditions has not been received by these veterans; and

Whereas, Service connected illnesses have not been addressed adequately for veterans of past wars and conflicts; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas, That we memorialize the President and the Congress of the United States to provide funding for Gulf War illness research independent of that administered by the United States Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs; and to establish a process of independent review of federal policies and programs associated with Gulf War illness research, benefits, and health care; and be it further

Resolved, That we urge further assistance to veterans afflicted with Gulf War illness, whether by the Department of Defense, Department of Veterans Affairs or another designated organization, to provide badly needed health care, vocational assistance and disability compensation; and that there be public service announcements informing veterans across the nation of the findings of this research and informing the veterans of the programs that are available to help them; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives be directed to provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Vice-President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and to each member of the Kansas Congressional delegation; to the Governor of the State of Kansas, the Secretary of Health and Environment, the Secretary of Human Resources, and the Chairman of the Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs; and to the National and State Commanders of the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Disabled American Veterans, National Retired Officers Association, National Retired Enlisted Association and the National Order of the Purple Heart.

POM-10. A resolution adopted by the Brook Park City Council in the State of Ohio relative to the steel industry; to the Committee on Finance.

POM-11. A petition from a citizen from the State of Georgia relative to Senator Max Cleland; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

POM-12. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas relative to the establishment of a federal energy policy; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 1607

Whereas, The nation faces a growing shortage of domestic oil and the world may face petroleum shortages in the next fifty years; and

Whereas, Natural gas has risen dramatically in price because demand has increased faster than supplies are discovered; and

Whereas, Domestic consumers are faced with ever-increasing price spikes and lowered expectations of the market meeting the demand for energy; and

Whereas, The American association of petroleum geologists, in concert with other scientific professional learned societies, is convening in Washington, D.C., on April 23, 2001,